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Luther Leaguers Have Good Sessions

[From Thursday's Daily.]

The Rev. Ernest Philblad in the opening sermon last night of the state Luther League convention, now in a three-day session at the Lutheran church, dwelt on the qualifications of a missionary. "These are three-fold, physical, intellectual, spiritual—body, mind and soul," he said. He urged young people to unhesitatingly answer the call of the work lands. The address was excellent and radiated the big, broad man that he is.

Miss Edna Kugler, of the local League, and C. E. Rugh, of the church, welcomed the visitors to the community and church midst. Fred H. Nicholas, state president, responded and in strong terms assured of the cordial welcome and warm hospitality that they had found in the Abilene homes.

Business Meeting

After the devotional exercises led by the Rev. R. R. Weissmiller of Kansas City, Mo., this morning was spent in a business session. Reports of all the officers and committees were heard and these told of a successful year for the state League organization.

Atchison was chosen as the meeting place for the 1917 convention. Beloit also offered strong inducements for the 1917 assembly. The growth of the League is evident as seven organizations, five Junior Leagues and two Senior, applied for entrance. At the close of the business session lunch was served in the church basement by the Ladies' Aid society.

Home Missions

The home mission session began at 1:45 this afternoon. The Rev. C. W. Seville of Minneapolis had charge of the devotionals. "The Leaguer is a Missionary in His Home Church" was the subject of an intensely interesting paper read by Miss Estella Burke of Ottawa. She emphasized the value and need of effective mission work in the home synod.

"This is absolutely necessary for beneficial mission work. Upon the young people rests the burden of making the future church a real factor. The press accomplishes untold good in molding public opinion favoring mission work," said Miss Florence Youngberg of Kansas City in talking on "The Development of a Missionary Spirit in the Local Church."

Miss Elizabeth Koch of Beloit in speaking of "The League in Its Relation to Inner Mission Work of Its Own Synod," said: "Inner mission work is applied Christianity, cheering the sick and providing for the poor." Her plea was for guidance from the elders and pastors so that the young people could best direct their energy in accomplishing the most in applying Christianity.

Discussions were led by Miss Moran of Salina, Mr. Marcus Buell of Peabody and Mr. M. J. Lindell of Wichita.

The meeting continues this evening and tomorrow.

Luther League Notes

The officers of the state organization are: President, Fred H. Nicholas, Emporia; secretary, Evan W. Tonsing, Atchison; and treasurer, Alfred J. Bell, Salina.

The delegation from the four leagues of the St. John's Lutheran church, Salina, is the largest in attendance.

Sixteen automobiles will bring a crowd of young people from Salina for the closing rally service Friday evening.

All the visiting delegates are wearing white ribbon badges. If you see such a person with this insignia you may know he is here on a noble mission as a Christian.

In Miss Edna Kugler, the president of the local league, the Lutherans have a capable young lady who is putting the entertaining of the visitors through with a vim.

Miss Iona Shearer and Miss Miriam Engle made up the entertainment committee.

A committee headed by Ernest Kugler and composed of Fred Nicholas, state president, Mrs. Martha

Miss Edna Kugler met all trains and welcomed the delegates yesterday.

Representatives from 30 leagues and many auxiliaries are attending the convention.

A reception, or rather "get acquainted" gathering, was held after last evening's session and every one met everybody else.

The Rev. R. R. Weissmiller of Kansas City is a former newspaper man, having done reportorial work on Atchison papers, and still having the "bug" made the Reflector office a call.

[From Friday's Daily.]

Fred Nicholas of Emporia was re-elected president at the election held this morning. Other choices the greater part of them re-elections, follow: First vice president, Ernest Kugler, Abilene; second vice president, Estella Burke, Ottawa; corresponding secretary, Evan Tonsing, Atchison; recording secretary, Margaret Romicer, Glasco; treasurer, Alfred J. Bell, Salina; executive committee members, Marcus Buell, 5 years, Peabody; Rev. R. R. Weissmiller, 4 years, Kansas City; Leith Schwab, 3 years, St. Joseph, Mo.; Esther Swanson, 2 years, Lawrence; Rev. B. R. Lantz, 1 year, Salina.

The splendid attendances continue at all the sessions of the State Luther League convention at the Trinity Lutheran church. The topic of home missions was carried into last night's meeting and the Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., Topeka, and the Rev. Dysinger, dean of the Western Theological Seminary, Atchison, were speakers. Vocal numbers were given by Miss Hazel Gustafson and Miss Donnemeyer, Salina.

The Rev. Ott in his address on "Home Mission Opportunities" gave resume of the Lutheran mission work in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. He, as the synodical home mission superintendent, an office created Jan. 1, 1915, explained his duties and how this office was reinvigorating and reenergizing pastorless congregations and churches, which did not happen to settle in what was proved to be population centers.

The Rev. Dysinger in talking on the subject "Christianity for the World," established four points.

Foreign Missions

The Rev. C. W. Seville of Minneapolis had charge of the 8:45 devotionals while the Rev. C. G. Aue of Emporia led the 6 o'clock service. "System for Giving for Foreign Missions" was the topic read by Miss Letha Horn of Glasco.

Miss Ina Johnson, Eureka, read a paper on "The Challenge of the Heavens World to the Leaguer."

Miss Robella Kuhn, Atchison, and Dr. H. S. Lawrence, Peabody, directed the discussions.

Reformation Session.

Miss Flossie Ellite of Minneapolis, Alfred J. Bell of Atchison, the Rev. B. R. Lantz of Salina, Miss Bessie Secrest of Emporia and Robert Albach took part in the program. At 4 o'clock the committees reported.

Big Rally Service

At the big closing rally service this evening the Rev. Robert L. Patterson will have charge of the vespers and Miss Zoah Ford will sing. The address will be delivered by the Rev. C. S. Murphy, D. D., St. Joseph, Mo. A big delegation is expected from Salina for this service.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The Luther Leaguers of the state have come and gone. During the sessions of the three days, 125 registered from towns of Kansas and some localities in Missouri. The assembly closed with a short business session, coming after the rally service. The Rev. G. S. Murphy of St. Joseph, Mo., gave a stirring address on "Why I Am a Lutheran." Vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Zoah Ford, Mr. Eugene Hazen of Salina and a male quartet from the local congregation.

One incident typical of the spirit manifested in all sessions occurred at Friday morning's session when \$87.50 was raised in ten minutes to defray the current expenses and a

deficit of \$35, which it more than did.

The convention brought a fine lot of young people to the city and town and they left, leaving an impression for the good behind them, while all took away remembrances of a hearty reception and royal entertainment on the part of the Abilene Lutherans and the town as a whole. The Rev. H. F. Martin and the league officers received many deserved words of praise, which their management of the gathering justified.

Among the resolutions unanimously passed by the convention was the following:

"That we express our gratitude and appreciation to the good people of Abilene and especially to the pastor and congregation of Trinity Lutheran church for their entertainment of the convention delegates and visitors, and to the Ladies' Aid society, to the local league, with its officers and committees for their share in the entertainment and hospitality, which we have so greatly enjoyed and to the choir and others who have furnished special music."

League Notes

A total of 30 senior leaguers and 42 junior leaguers attended some of the sessions from the organizations of Salina.

Twenty automobile owners gladly tendered their services and took the visitors for a spin over the city yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Said Alfred J. Bell, Salina, state treasurer, "Of all the warm welcomes and modes of hospitalities extended the state Luther League convention delegates in the towns in previous years, Abilene's surpass all. It certainly is great."

After one-half hour of devout prayer service, beginning at 6 o'clock Thursday morning, the one hundred young people hiked to the city park for an hour's recreation. Singularly, this is the first body that has used the park for this purpose since it was purchased by the city.

At noon yesterday all the delegates and visitors assembled for the convention photograph.

POPULATION INCREASED 6 PCT.

Noble Township Residents Sold \$9755 Eggs Last Year

A. C. Dietz, assessor in Noble township and the city of Chapman has turned in his reports to County Clerk King. His figures show a personal property valuation of \$294,225 in the city of Chapman and \$170,200 in the township, according to the Advertiser.

The 1916 report shows a population of 797, or a gain of 47, or a little over 6 per cent. In the township there are 417 residents, a gain of nine over last year.

The agricultural statistics collected by Mr. Dietz show that the acreage in wheat in the township for this year is 4016 acres, oats 1004 acres, alfalfa 844 acres, 4859 acres will be planted in corn. During the past year the total value of eggs sold in the township was \$9755.

TORNADO CLOUD THREATENED

Funnel Shaped Formation Seen At 8:45 Last Evening

The funnel shaped cloud of a tornado was seen outlined against the western sky by Abilene residents about 8:45 last evening. It appeared to be moving along on the ground. Persons living three miles west of town report that it did not come to earth. It was visible to persons here in town and there were fears of impending disasters. The cloud was large and threatening but at ten minutes until nine it started to break and flatten out and move on to the north.

Residents south of the Union Pacific tracks particularly noticed the formation. The threatened storm came after a very warm and somewhat sultry day. A strong wind accompanied the cloud.

M. L. Jordan with his wife and daughter was driving five miles south of Sand Springs when the cloud broke and came to earth. Back of the cloud visible here, there was a huge globe cloud, as he described it, and suddenly this split up making the air intensely chilly and then in another instant the atmosphere changed to one of intense heat. It was a phenomenon for Kansas storms.

SUNDAY A MEMORABLE DAY

Unusual Services at Two Abilene Churches May 7

Sunday was a day of big things and marked with memorable and unusual occasions at two Abilene churches. It was the 25th anniversary of Dr. F. S. Blayney's pastorate at the Presbyterian church and was commemorated with addresses and marks of respect to the faithful pastor on the part of the congregation.

At the Methodist church Dr. Dutton began a series of seven Sunday evening addresses, with the subject



Dr. Dean C. Dutton

"I Have Found a Man." A chorus of one hundred men sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" and the church was filled to the doors.

Dr. Blayney's service to the people of Abilene and vicinity has been one of earnestness, learnedness and faithfulness. He is an orator and student of much ability, his studies have been broad and prolonged and his degrees are numerous.

During the 25 years he has preached an average of 120 sermons annually, totalling 3000, which, with at least 25 special addresses each year brings the number to 4,000.



Dr. F. S. Blayney

His funeral services each year averaged 30, and the marriage ceremonies about twenty and in this way his contact with many families and persons has been widened, making him a student of human nature. His has been a position of much influence in the community, and a factor for the good in the religious and moral life.

For three years he was platform manager for the Lincoln chautauqua and delivered 50 addresses. He also conducted a class of a hundred in applied psychology here and delivered 24 lectures.

He has also celebrated 100 communion services with many some additions to the church.

The congregation in many ways is giving vent to its appreciation of the pastor's efforts and the day marks an epoch seldom seen in the lives of many communities.

FORD AUTO ACCIDENTALLY SMASHES INTO HAFFA BUGGY

A Ford automobile driven and owned by Carl Anderson, West 4th street, smashed into a buggy at Fourth and Buckeye at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The buggy was thrown against the curb and two wheels broken. John Haffa was in the vehicle but escaped injury. The automobile was not damaged. Persons who saw the accident say Anderson was driving south on the left side of the street. Mr. Haffa was on the proper side.

Woodmen Hold Big County Meet

[From Monday's Daily.]

With ideal weather conditions prevailing, 500 visiting Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors, all the local stores decorated in the M. W. A. and R. N. A. official insignia, the Modern Woodmen of America are staging and celebrating the adoption of a large county class here today. The program started with a concert by the Abilene band at 1 p. m. at the corner of Third and Broadway. All the other scheduled events followed in rapid succession and everything went off without a hitch.

Exhibition Drill

Sixteen men teams from Salina, Concordia and Abilene participated in the exhibition drill at 1:30 at Third and Broadway, with the teams from the Oakdale camp, Salina, and the Concordia camp taking the lead. The drills were well executed and attracted large crowds.

Automobile Parade

After the concert the three teams and the band went to the Union Pacific depot and welcomed the arriving delegations from Manhattan, Junction City and Clay Center. Teams from these towns came on this train and joined in a parade, headed by the band and an automobile driven by C. E. Dyer and carrying Maj. Gen. Saxon and Capt. Brown of Topeka, and J. K. Markley, chairman of the local committee, to the city hall where another procession of 100 local automobiles formed, and the visitors were escorted over the city. This was under the auspices of the Abilene Business Men's association and in charge of G. A. Rogers and J. E. Johtz.

A. E. Enright of Kansas City, a member of the national committee of law, gave an address in the library park at 3:15 to an audience of 500 people.

Evening's Program

A grand assembly parade with all the delegations and teams participating will be given at 7:30. The I. O. O. F. hall is headquarters for the visitors and the R. N. A. adoption

tion will be held there this evening. Preparations were being made at four o'clock to serve a chicken pie supper to 500 at the A. O. U. W. hall at six o'clock.

T. B. Riggs and J. K. Markley are in charge of the day's celebration.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

It is estimated that 1500 people were here yesterday for the county class adoption of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors of America. The drill team from the Oakdale camp, Salina, won first prize of \$30 in the competitive drill. A special train of five coaches arrived on the Union Pacific from Salina at 7 o'clock and both the A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. halls were filled to capacity for the adoptions.

A chicken pie supper was served to 800 at the Workmen hall at 7 o'clock and something of the immensity of the task may be realized in the fact that 75 chickens were cooked. This was free to the visitors. A class of 50 was initiated in the work of Modern Woodcraft. The Salina team carried the work and the members did it in good style, furnishing both mirth and seriousness to the witnesses. The winning team was to do this work.

Late in the afternoon the program ran behind its schedule which slightly delayed the evening program. The teams from Clay Center, Concordia, Junction City and Salina participated in the drill, Junction City taking second place and Concordia third. All the teams with the bands and the Royal Neighbor delegations made up the grand assembly parade at 7:30.

The celebration was in every way successful. A fifth district battalion was organized. T. B. Riggs, district organizer, and J. K. Markley, heading a local committee, along with all who cooperated are to be commended for the good results of the enterprise. All the stores had a brisk trade and Abilene was generally benefitted.

Death of D. W. Powers

Sunday afternoon occurred the death of Daniel W. Powers, at his home 9 miles southeast of Abilene, aged 82 years. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death. The funeral service will be held Tuesday

at 2:30 p. m. at Sylvan Grove and he will be interred by the side of his wife. Two children survive, E. M., who lived with his father, and Mrs. Etta Rock of Hope, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

THE greatest bulwark against the indigence of old age or the financial drain caused by a protracted illness is a bank account. If you are a business man making big profits; if you are an employee with a fine salary, plan to lay aside a certain sum weekly. Then if the rainy day comes along it will find you prepared.

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